

SATURDAY, Dec. 22, 1855.

The Senate was called to order by the President, pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr Scott offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Judiciary committee is hereby requested to take into consideration the propriety of excluding from the reports of the Supreme Court, the briefs of the attorneys; and the propriety of affixing to said reports marginal notes, and report to the Senate by bill or otherwise"—adopted.

Mr Guinn moved to adjourn till 10 o'clock, A. M., on Wednesday next—lost.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill authorizing the United States Marshal of the District of Texas, to use the Jails of the various counties of the State, for certain purposes, with the report of the committee on the Judiciary offering a substitute therefor was read, substitute adopted; and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr Taylor of Fannin, the rule was suspended, bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr Palmer, bills on their second reading were taken up.

Joint resolution, authorizing a vote of the people to be taken on the act of Congress, concerning the debt of the late Republic of Texas, read and on motion of Mr Palmer, referred to the committee on Public Debt.

A bill to incorporate Shawnee Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows—read second time; and on motion of Mr Flanagan, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to incorporate the Indianola and Victoria Railroad company—read second time, and on motion of Mr Guinn, referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill to appropriate certain monies, in the Treasury, to the school fund—read second time, and on motion of Mr Guinn, referred to the committee on Education.

A bill to prevent fraud at elections—read second time, and on motion of Mr Palmer, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Joint resolution, appropriating \$5,548 70, to meet certain expenses made for the Penitentiary—read second time, and on motion of Mr Taylor of Cass, referred to the committee on the Penitentiary.

A bill to provide for Jury trial in the corporation courts of

the various towns and city corporations in this State—read second time, and on motion of Mr Palmer, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to incorporate Milam Male and Female Institute—read second time, and on motion of Mr Pirkey, referred to the committee on Education.

A bill for the relief of John Todd and Thomas Stanley, their heirs and assigns—read second time, and on motion of Mr Palmer, referred to the committee on Private Land Claims, No. 1.

A bill to amend "an act amending an act for the relief of certain prisoners of war," passed February 9th, 1850—read second time, and on motion of Mr Guinn, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to repeal the 10th section of an act to secure to the German Emigration Company and their colonists, the land to which they are entitled, and to adjust the liabilities of the same—read second time, and on motion of Mr Palmer, referred to committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to validate a survey and patent upon the headright certificate of John P. Rogers—read second time, and on motion of Mr Pirkey, referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr Caldwell, by leave, presented the petition of Elizabeth Reid, and the heirs of S. H. Reid—referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr Whitaker, by leave, presented the petition of Jeremiah Strode—referred to the committee on Public Debt.

On motion of Mr Taylor of Fannin, the report of the committee on Claims and Accounts, on the petition of E. W. Moore, recommending that it be referred to the committee on Public Debt was taken up, read and adopted.

On motion of Mr Weatherford, a bill for the relief of Jones Green and Middleton Perry, together with the report of the committee on Public Lands, offering a substitute therefor, was taken up and read, substitute adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr Guinn, the rule was suspended, bill read third time and passed.

A bill making appropriations and providing for the facilitating of the navigation of the rivers of Texas, together with the report of the committee on Internal Improvements offering a substitute therefor, was on motion of Mr Millican, laid on the table until Thursday the 27th inst.

On motion of Mr Taylor of Cass, the vote just taken was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr Millican, the bill and report were laid on the table until Monday, the 7th day of January next.

On motion of Mr Bryan, a bill to incorporate the Brazoria county Insurance company, was taken up, read and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr Armstrong offered the following resolution :

Resolved, by the Senate that A. H. Cook, contractor, be required to attach the weights and pulleys to the windows of the Senate chamber, by the 26th inst.—adopted.

Mr Armstrong, by leave, presented the petition of the citizens of Bosque county—referred to the committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Mr Pedigo, a bill for the relief of Saml. Rowe, together with the Report of the committee on Indian affairs, offering a substitute therefor, was taken up and read ; substitute adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr Pedigo, the rule was suspended ; bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr Wren, a bill for the relief of Jesse Dean was taken up—read, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr Wren, the rule was suspended ; bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr Scott, a bill to provide for the investment of the special school fund in bonds of Railroad companies, incorporated by the State, was taken up and read.

Mr Armstrong moved to lay the bill on the table until the 1st day of January next—lost.

Mr Martin offered the following amendment :

Strike out "16 sections," in the 4th line of 12th section, and insert "20 sections"—rejected.

The bill was then passed by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Bryan, Doane, Flanagan, Guinn, Lott, Maverick, Millican, Palmer, Pirkey, Russell, Scott, Taylor of Fannin, Tritt, Whitaker and White, 16.

NAYS—Messrs. Armstrong, Burroughs, Grimes, Martin, Pedigo, Potter, Taylor of Cass, Weatherford and Wren, 9.

On motion of Mr Millican, the Senate adjourned until Wednesday morning next, at 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, December 26th, 1855.

The Senate was called to order pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain. Roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of Saturday last was read and adopted.

Mr Guinn presented the petition of sundry citizens of Cherokee county, praying that John G. Graham, a minor may be allowed to transact his own business ; referred to the committee on the Judiciary.